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SUBJECT: DR. CARLOS LORCA TOBAR

1. CARLOS LORCA, FATHER OF "DISAPPEARED" PS DEPUTY DR. CARLOS LORCA TOBAR, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN AUGUST 20. HE RELATED THAT AN AIR FORCE OFFICER HAD TOLD THE BRITISH CHARGE THAT HIS SON WAS KILLED IN JANUARY, 1976. AT THAT POINT THE FAMILY GAVE UP HOPE.

2. HOWEVER, IN JULY LORCA RECEIVED NEW INFORMATION ABOUT HIS SON. AS HE RECOUNTED IT, DINA PICKED UP A YOUNG SOCIALIST, JAIME LAZO, AT THE END OF JUNE 1976. THE DINA AGENTS TOOK HIM TO A HOUSE IN SANTIAGO. THERE THEY SHOWED LAZO A BADLY TORTURED MAN WHO HAD SUFFERED "PSYCHIC DAMAGE" AND A BROKEN ARM. THEY TOLD LAZO THAT UNLESS HE TALKED HE WOULD END UP IN SIMILAR CONDITION. LAZO TALKED; FOR HIS COOPERATION HE WAS SENT TO TRES ALAMOS. FROM THERE HE PASSED THE WORD THAT THE VICTIM HE SAW WAS HIS OLD FRIEND, CARLOS LORCA TOBAR.

3. LORCA, SR. RECOGNIZES THAT LAZO'S STORY IS A THIN
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STRAW. WE EXPLAINED THAT EVEN IF WE COULD CONFIRM THAT

HIS SON IS ALIVE, THERE WAS PROBABLY LITTLE WE COULD DO.
HOWEVER, WE PROMISED HIM WE WOULD INQUIRE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RECENT INFORMATION THE
EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE ON LORCA TOBAR. ROGERS

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